



Principals Message



Last week I was able to attend the Australian Primary Principals Association conference in Sydney, where Principals from all over Australia met to share leadership and motivational experiences. It was a very full program with several standout speakers including Anna Bligh.

This week I am attending the junior transition camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation camp. This is such a wonderful experience for our students and I would like to thank the staff (Judy Mouthaan, Robyn Billett, Mandy Irwin, and Justin Ryder) and families (Kellie, Colin, Nic, Gary and Karen) who attended and to Lenore Hanney for her organisation. Special thanks to Judy Mouthaan who backed up for a second camp, well done! We look forward to sharing some pictures next week.

I would also like to thank all those involved in bringing together our inaugural performance at the annual IOTAS concert. I was quite sad not to be there however, I received some wonderful feedback which I shared with the school. Looking forward to next year already!

Regards

Belinda Ryan
Principal

Friends News

Friends Charity Golf Day for Newcastle Middle School at Merewether Golf Club

Friday 7th November - Our 2nd Annual Golf Day is nearly here!

Plans are going well and we need only 2 more teams of golfers - so if anyone would like to play please contact school and let us know.

Cost \$65 per player - register as an individual or as a team of 4.

Sure to be a good day with lots of good food, fun and raffles to win.

Bunnings BBQ (Kotara)

Saturday 1st November - this Saturday 1st November from 9am to 4pm.

If you are in the neighbourhood please drop in and say hi or maybe buy a sausage sandwich.

Thanks again for your ongoing support.

Friends Committee

Diary Dates - Term 4

Week 4

Thursday, October 30th	Junior Students Camp - Myuna Bay
Friday, October 31st	Junior Students return from Camp
Saturday, November 1st	Bunnings BBQ - Kotara

Week 5

Friday, November 7th	Newcastle Middle School Golf Day - Merewether
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Week 9

Friday, December 5th	Presentation Day
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Week 10

Friday, December 12th	Graduation Day
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Week 11

Monday, December 15th	Class Party Day
Wednesday, December 17th	Last Day of Term 4 - Students
Friday, December 19th	Last Day of Term 4 - Staff

IOTAS Concert

Please find attached a selection of photos from our IOTAS Concert item "Just Dance". It certainly was great fun as you can see from the photos.

A reminder, if your child was one of the performers, and you would like to order the professional Concert DVD, please complete and return the order form with money asap to school. DVD orders have to be finalised and sent by 7th November.

Office News

Uniforms

With the warmer weather and new school year approaching, now is the time to start thinking about uniforms. We will be placing an order in approximately two week's time.

Term Fees

As we are now in Term 4 we would like to remind families that the voluntary school fees are due. They are \$25 a term or \$100 for the year. These go towards purchasing personal hygiene products as well as art and craft supplies for the children.

Regards

Susan and Kristy

CHRISTMAS
at
STOCKTON CENTRE

SANTA ON THE OVAL

Wednesday 3rd December 2014

come along to see Santa arrive by helicopter!

an experience not to be missed!

fun starts at 10:30am



CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT

Wednesday 10th December 2014

live music followed by spectacular fireworks display!

bring the family and picnic

fun starts at 6:00pm



StepUP!
for Down syndrome
(previously known as "BUDDY WALK")



*Join us
for a
fun day
and help
promote
awareness
about
Down syndrome*

SUNDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER

The Carriageway Shed
Newcastle Foreshore Park

9.30am - 2:00pm

(Registration from 9am)

9:45 am Official Opening

10:00 am Walk

(Carriageway Shed/Newcastle Beach/Nobbys Beach/back to park)
then from

11:00 am Picnic & Entertainment

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

<http://stepupfordownsyndrome.org.au/event/stepup-hunter2014>

OR CONTACT:

MEAGHAN HEPPLEWHITE Mob: 0413 515 274

OR

CANDY CONNORS Em: dshr@dsansw.org.au



Down Syndrome
New South Wales
Hunter Region

NEWCASTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS CHARITY

CHARITY GOLF DAY

\$65 INDIVIDUAL

\$260 TEAM

Green fees, Breakfast, Lunch

& Person Ambrose

**Merewether Golf Club
40 King Street
Adamstown**

**Raffles
Great Prizes**

**Friday
November
7**

**8.30am
SHOTGUN START**

Breakfast from 7.30am
Bacon & Egg Roll

Lunch 1.30pm
Chicken Schnitzel + Salad + Sauce

*RSVP and payment please by
31st October to Jenny on 49602122
newcastle-m-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au*

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CARERS AND THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS)

DO YOU CARE FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS AN NDIS PACKAGE?

Carers Australia would like to hear from you about:

- 1 WHAT WORKED WELL FOR YOU AND THE PERSON YOU CARE FOR?
- 2 WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED?
- 3 WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE SOMEONE WHO IS PREPARING TO ENTER THE NDIS?

Carers Australia is running focus groups to hear carers' experience with the NDIS. The information collected will be provided to the National Disability Insurance Agency to improve the registration and planning processes for carers and the person they care for.

WHERE Noah's on the Beach, Shortland Esplanade, Newcastle, NSW

WHEN Wednesday 5 November 2014, 18:00 - 20:00

Register by 28 October by contacting carers.ndis@carersaustralia.com.au or 02 6122 9900. Light refreshments and a 'thank you' gift voucher will be provided to all participants.

Transport assistance is available if required.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
CARERSAUSTRALIA.COM.AU**

This project is funded by the
National Disability Insurance Agency





Hello to all the wonderful schools of Newcastle,

My name is Madelyn, but you can call me Maddi☺

I work for the Cotton On Foundation, which is the charitable arm of the Cotton On Group, here at the Foundation we run a project called Run Australia. Run Australia is passionate about and dedicated to improving children's health care in regional areas of Australia. To date we have six fun runs/walks in three states and every event guarantee's that 100% of every registration goes will go directly to a local cause- simple as that!

Best news for you guys we are coming back to Newcastle and can't wait to be BIGGER & BETTER than ever-

'100% of every registration fee going directly to the redevelopment of Adolescent Ward at John Hunter Children's Hospital'.

To give you a bit of background:

Well, we're excited to let you know that planning for the redevelopment of the Adolescent Ward at John Hunter Children's Hospital has started after a working group consisting of children's hospital staff, a capital works representative, facility manager and architect was formed. The great part of this is that they're starting consultations with patients & families soon and we'll have architectural impressions in the next few months!

The refurbishment will see rooms increased in size, with the older style windows removed and extra space created through the installation of large plain glass windows that overlook the bushland setting.

Rooms will also be equipped with all the equipment required to run and be treated in a specialist adolescent environment and not to forget the latest in television and entertainment technology available to each patient admitted. Additional space created through the refurbishment will provide new consultation rooms, allowing adolescents to maintain their privacy and increase interaction with health professionals.

Very exciting indeed!

BUT... to make this incredible event as successful as possible we need you to GET INVOLVED!

We would love your school to nominate a school ambassador to be the driver of this event in your school community. We will provide them with all the information they need to help them get everyone they know INVOLVED!

What's in it for your school you may ask? Well don't worry; we have that covered with our School Incentive Program proudly present by Westfield Kotara! Thanks to our good friends at HART Sport! All approved schools who register a team will be eligible for the school incentive offer where your school could earn up to \$1,000.00 worth of sporting goods- How cool is that!



INCENTIVE OFFER

50-99 registrations	=	\$250 VOUCHER
100 registrations	=	\$500 VOUCHER
150 registrations	=	\$750 VOUCHER
200 registrations	=	\$1,000 VOUCHER

All sporting equipment is subject to availability and must be ordered through HART Sport. All approved schools who register for the School Incentive Program are eligible for the incentive offer. Registrations need to be made by the official school team to contribute to the school total. Not redeemable for cash. Not valid with any other offer.

All you need to do is email: runnewcastle@cottononfoundation.org to express your interest in getting INVOLVED and we'll send you everything you need to know about **Run Newcastle!**

Can't wait to hear from you😊









Put your Hands Up
to the Ceiling



TURN THE MUSIC UP

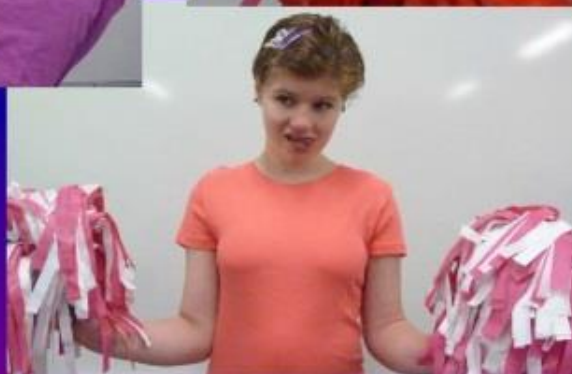
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RUN





**JUST
DANCE**



LETS GO





EVERYBODY
DANCE NOW!



SHAKE
DANCE
MOVE

